

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: KRAMER et al.  
Serial No.: To Be Assigned  
International  
Application No.: PCT/DE99/03732  
Filed: Herewith  
For: REGULATORY PROTEIN PKE#83 FROM HUMAN  
KERATINOCYTES

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 24, 2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Before paragraph [0001], please change the heading "Description" to --BACKGROUND INFORMATION--.

Before paragraph [0004], please insert the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0027], please insert the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Before paragraph [0037] insert the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION--.

Page 29, first line change "CLAIMS" to --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS--.

Please replace paragraph [0058] with the following paragraph: